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Federal Communications Commission
c/o Marlene Dortch, Secretary
445 – 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

Thank you for the opportunity to be included in the public comments on the proposed merger of AT&T and T-Mobile. As the maps indicate, coverage will be greatly expanded in rural areas Eastern Washington, including Pend Oreille County.

We have received recently broadband monies herein the county through our PUD and they are expanding their coverage. I believe this will only enhance that and quite possibly, make it more competitive, bringing costs down even more and will bring more economic opportunity to our distressed area.

With the understanding that this merger is in the public interest, hopefully, the FCC will rule favorably. I am pleased to support this venture as a commissioner who sits on the local Economic Development Council and believes strongly in technology as one form of infrastructure and a solid basis for education, as well.

Thank you for your consideration,

Diane Wear, Commissioner
District #1

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